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ABSTRACT

Written as a response to fear, helplessness, and the sense of powerlessness that can be caused by pervasive violence in society, this book provides ideas for actions that individuals, along with friends, family, and neighbors, can take to prevent violence and create a safer environment. The book is divided into three main parts. Part 1, "Joining Together to Prevent Violence," focuses on how to assess the safety of neighborhoods, homes, and schools, and offers a range of strategies for action. Sections in Part 1 cover neighborhood-, family-, and school-related strategies. Part 2, "Safety to Go," contains the "nuts and bolts" of everyday safety: at work, traveling, at a party, or on a date. Part 3, "Concerns of Our Times," addresses the complex issues of preventing violence in society, including alcohol and drugs, youth violence, violence against women, and hate violence. The final part of the book focuses on personal commitment and action. Each section contains references. (EV)

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